

INTERNAL, DELIBERATIVE, AND PRE-DECISIONAL

REQUEST TO WITHDRAW ESA BIOLOGICAL EVALUATIONS

ISSUE SUMMARY:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Services (NMFS) are operating under a court-ordered settlement to issue Biological Opinions (BiOps) for three pesticides (chlorpyrifos, diazinon, and malathion) by December 31, 2017. In order for the Services to meet this settlement date, EPA initiated consultation with the Services in January 2017 by issuing Biological Evaluations (BEs) for these three pesticides. These three BEs are to be submitted to the Services following the completion of a review by the National Academy of Sciences that provided advice to EPA, USDA, and the Services on the best scientific approaches to be used in conducting evaluations of pesticides under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

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UPCOMING MILESTONES:

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